

Appl. No. 10/659,676

Amdt. Dated March 14, 2005

Reply to Office Action of December 14, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 1-15, 17-34, and 36-77 are now in the application.

Claims 1 and 23 have been amended. Claims 16 and 35 have been canceled. Claims 42-77 are withdrawn from consideration.

The specification has been amended in order to correct a typographical error in a document number on page 4 of the specification (The correct document number is listed in the IDS dated September 30, 2003).

In item 8 on page 10 of the above-identified Office action, the Examiner stated that claims 16 and 35 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claim 1 includes the limitations of original claims 1 and 16 and is therefore allowable. Amended claim 23 includes the limitations of original claims 23 and 35 and is therefore also allowable.

The dependent claims 2-15, 17-22, 24-34, and 36-41 are believed to be patentable as well because they all are ultimately dependent on amended claim 1 or 23.

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In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-15, 17-34, and 36-41 are solicited.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A., No. 12-1099.

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